We, the Members of Mahila Swasthya Sangh, commit ourselves to overall development and betterment of the life of the villagers in our country.

Statement-II

World Population Day, 1996

PLEDGE

I pledge to devote myself for the overall development of our country; for the better health of our mothers, and for a brighter future for our children.

I commit myself to spreading the messages of small family norm; right age of marriage and adoption of family planning methods to delay the first child as well as space the second child and promote a conducive atmosphere at home during the period of pregnancy. For, only a healthy mother can give birth to a healthy child.

I also pledge to work towards making the family welfare programme a mass movement.

May God Help me in my endeavor

Swasthya Melas organised during the last two years

407. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the numbers of Swasthya Melas organised during the last two years and outcome thereof;

(b) the response to these Melas in the tribal areas;

(c) whether there are any shortcomings of these Melas; if so, details thereof; and

(d) what follow-up action is taken after the mela is over?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) 33 Swasthya Melas have been organised through NGOs and these were successful.

(b) Response to these melas was satisfactory in all the areas.

(c) No shortcomings have been reported by the NGOs.

(d) In respect of serious cases referral arrangements are made by NGO concerned.

Achievement under the programme for Control of Acute Respiratory Infections

408. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the achievement of Government during the current year under the programme for Control of Acute Respiratory Infections;

(b) the shortcomings of this programme and how this programme can be improved; and

(c) what further steps Government are taking to control Acute Respiratory Infections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The information is contained in the Statement below:

Statement

The programme for control of Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) was launched in the country in 1990 as a pilot project in certain selected districts. Following successful implementation of the pilot project, ARI control was integrated with other interventions under the Child Survival and Safe Mother-hood (CSSM) Programme under implementa-